

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2657-S2696

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 731–744, and S. Res. 98–100. **Pages S2683-84**

Measures Passed:

Honoring British Prime Minister Baroness Margaret Thatcher: Senate agreed to S. Res. 98, honoring the life, legacy, and example of British Prime Minister Baroness Margaret Thatcher. **Page S2670**

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 99, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week. **Page S2696**

Congratulating the University of Louisville Men's and Women's Basketball Teams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 100, commending and congratulating the University of Louisville men's basketball team for winning its third Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association championship, and the University of Louisville women's basketball team for being runner up in the 2013 Women's Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament. **Page S2696**

Measures Considered:

Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 649, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Manchin Amendment No. 715, to protect Second Amendment rights, ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and provide a responsible and consistent background check process. **Page S2663**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following amendments be in order to be called up: Grassley substitute amendment consistent with the summary which is at the desk; Leahy/Collins Amendment No. 713; Cornyn Amendment No. 719; Feinstein Amendment No. 711; Burr Amendment No. 720; Lautenberg/Blumenthal Amendment No. 714; Barrasso Amendment No. 717; and Harkin/Alexander amendment relative to mental health, the text of which is at the desk; that following Leader remarks on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, the time until 4:00 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, to debate the amendments concurrently; that at 4 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Manchin Amendment No. 715 (listed above); that upon disposition of Manchin Amendment No. 715, Senate vote on or in relation to the remaining pending amendments in the order listed; that all of the amendments be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; that no other amendments or motions to commit be in order to any of these amendments or the bill prior to the votes; that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote and all after the first vote be ten minute votes. **Page S2679**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. **Page S2696**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and adjourned at 2:06 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, until 9:30 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2696.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Joseph F. Dunford, Commander, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, Department of Defense.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget and revenue request for fiscal year 2014, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) progress on key safety initiatives, including FAA's aircraft certification process and use of data to enhance safety and improve aviation oversight, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Jeffrey B. Guzzetti, Assistant Inspector General for Aviation and Special Programs, both of the Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Barbara Cooper, Acting Director, Strategic Planning, Budget, and Accountability, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

WATER AND POWER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing

to examine S. 211, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, S. 284, a bill to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico, S. 510, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah S. 659, to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S.J. Res. 12, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Act, 1920 H.R. 316, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 684, to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, S. 693, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and S. 715, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Robert Quint, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and Jon Katz, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

TAX FRAUD AND TAX IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax fraud and tax identity theft, focusing on moving forward with solutions, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Miller, Acting Commissioner, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Marianna LaCanfora, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; and Jeffrey A. Porter, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Huntington, West Virginia.

CONFLICT IN EASTERN CONGO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine ongoing conflict in Eastern Congo, after receiving testimony from John Prendergast, The Enough Project, Mvemba Phezo Dizolele, Eastern Congo Initiative, and Federico Borello, Humanity United, all of Washington, D.C.; and Reverend Muhigirwa Rusembuka Ferdinand, Arrupe Research and Training Center, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 657, to eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet primary indicators of health, sanitation, and safety;

S. Res. 90, standing with the people of Kenya following their national and local elections on March 4, 2013, and urging a peaceful and credible resolution of electoral disputes in the courts, with amendments;

S. Res. 65, strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation, with an amendment;

The nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and

A promotion list in the Foreign Service.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine college affordability, after receiving testimony from Ethan Senack, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Sara Goldrick-Rab, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Derrica Donelson, Nashville, Tennessee; and Vivica Brooks, Bowie, Maryland.

ANTITRUST LAWS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws, after receiving testimony from William J. Baer, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 1576–1589; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 162–163, 165, were introduced. **Pages H2065–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2066**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1163, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–40) and

H. Res. 164, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–41). **Page H2065**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2029**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2033**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Rothfus, wherein he resigned from both the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H2033**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 162, electing a Member to a standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H2033**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013: H.R. 1163, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 106; **Pages H2037–42, H2053–54**

Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2013: H.R. 756, amended, to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 107; and **Pages H2042–48, H2054**

Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of